

ABSTRACT

Automatic downloading from a network takes place during the time when an already established connection exists but is not being used. In this way searched data is readily available to the user's system for later use and any unused capacity the network connection has exploited to the full is made of the connection to the network service provider. The automatic downloading is adjusted to the user's preferences: the anticipatory downloading of pages can be chosen by the user setting certain configuring parameters on a look ahead downloading option screen.